

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 4-12, 16-21, and 37-39 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 13-15, and 22-36 have been cancelled. Claims 4 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11, 17, and 19-20 have been amended to correct claim dependencies, to delete unnecessary language, and/or to correct informalities. New claims 37-39 have been added. Support for the claim amendments and the new claims can be found in the specification, the drawings, and the claims as originally filed. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claim and any amended claim in its original form in a continuation application. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that dependent claims 4-12 and 16-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to facilitate early allowance of claims 4-12 and 16-21, Applicant has rewritten claims 4 and 16 in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4 and 16, and the claims that depend therefrom, are in proper form for allowance.

Applicant has also cancelled claims 1-3, 13-15, and 22-36 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding in this application that claims 1-3, 13-15, and 22-36 are not patentable over art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter

noted by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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